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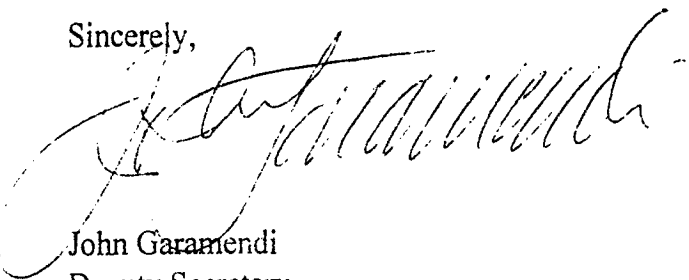
Dear Ellsworth:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 5, 1998. It took some time to arrive on my desk for a reply.

Your continued interest in the use of small earth dams to reduce flooding is only exceeded by the continued floods in California. As you and I both know, the tradition of large levees and dams remain strong. However, we are forcing the institutions at both the State and Federal governments to rethink flood protection measures. I'm enclosing a paper that the Corps of Engineers has produced that exemplifies this changing attitude.

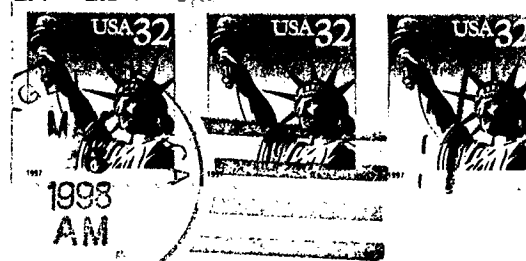
You will note that small earth dams are not mentioned. However, the new way of thinking should lead to an honest evaluation of small earth dams in the near future. I'll do my best to have such an evaluation made.

Sincerely,



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